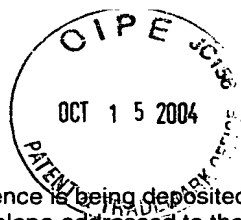


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applic. No. : 10/642,545 Confirmation No: 1981
Applicant : Frank Meyer-Göldner et al.
Filed : August 15, 2003
Title : Device for Connecting the Terminal Pins of a Housing for an
Optical Transmission and/or Receiving Device having a Circuit
Board and Conductor Configuration for Such a Device
Art Unit : 2811
Examiner : Nitin Parek
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Customer No. : 24131

RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 24, 2004, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the election requirement on page 2 of the Office action for the above-identified application, applicants elect group I, the species of Figs. 1-5, for prosecution at this time.

The following claims read on the elected species of Figs. 1-5: claims 21-40.

In light of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits, and the allowance of all of the claims are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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